

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 17, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 990 - HB 913**

This bill, if enacted, will require the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to request a waiver from the federal government to conduct a pilot project to include the following provisions:

- 1) Exclude for up to 2 years, income up to 200% of the federal poverty level on that income earned by an unemployed head of household who accepts employment *after* establishing eligibility for the food stamp program.
- 2) Preserve for up to two years, the household's eligibility for medical assistance if the new employer does not offer adequate health insurance.
- 3) Limit eligibility of a caretaker relative applicant to a total of 24 months during the waiver period.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill as indicated by the Department of Human Services is estimated to be an increase in recurring state expenditures of \$98,380 and one-time state expenditures of \$399,500 for staff and expenses. Of these amounts, \$248,940 will be federal funds and \$248,940 will be state funds.

However, we estimate that enactment of this bill will result in an increase in recurring state expenditures of \$29,863 and one-time expenditures of \$393,000. Of these amounts \$211,435 will be federal funds and \$211,434 will be state funds.

Enactment of this bill is also estimated to result in minimal fiscal impact to the TennCare Program.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director